

**OFFICIAL OPENING AND WEB SITE LAUNCH OF THE OFFICE OF THE
FRENCH LANGUAGE SERVICES COMMISSIONER***Your Voice Matters!***For immediate release**

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The Office of the French Language Services Commissioner (FLSC) has officially opened its doors today as well as launched its Website. The government appointed office has been long awaited. It will help Ontario's Francophone and Francophile population access better French government services. In doing so, it will facilitate the government's delivering of policies, programs and products tailored to Francophones.

The FLSC is responsible for the implementation and delivery of French Language Services for the province's Francophone and Francophile population, notably in the 25 designated areas. This newly created office started its activities last Fall and hired its personnel in February 2008.

QUOTES

"The Office of the French Language Services Commissioner has an ambitious yet noble mandate. We will do everything in our power to facilitate its integration into Ontario's rich mosaic. We can all be proud of its dynamic Francophone community. The creation of the Office of the French Language Services Commissioner is yet another vivid testimony of the government's commitment towards the Francophone population", stated François Boileau, Commissioner.

"With the new Website, links with the community will be just a click away. Your work will not only help Ontario's Francophones, but it will enrich its community", said Premier of Ontario, Dalton McGuinty.

QUICK FACTS

- The Office of the French Language Services Commissioner was created in 2007.
- The Office of the FLSC was recommended by the Minister of Francophone Affairs' (Office of Francophone Affairs - OFA) Provincial Advisory Committee on Francophone Affairs.
- The Office of the FLSC has already received 88 complaints, twice as much as the OFA over the same time frame last year.
- The Commissioner has participated in more than 25 public events, acted as key speaker on more than 30 occasions, and responded to 40 media requests.
- He has met individually all government deputy ministers to discuss the complaints' resolution process.
- He has also met with representatives of most of the key Francophone stakeholders, associations and community leaders.

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